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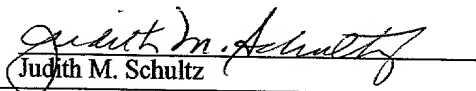
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Michael L.J. Hackney et al  
SERIAL NO.: 09/939,931  
FILED: August 27, 2001  
APPLICATION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SYNCHRONIZING AND SERVING  
MULTIMEDIA IN A DISTRIBUTED NETWORK

EXAMINER: --  
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Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

34. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the multimedia content is a streaming content.

35. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein the streaming content is at least one of: audio content, video content, a combination of audio and video content, and application data.

36. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein at least two of the plurality of the clients use applications with compatible data formats and wherein the multimedia content is content from the applications with the compatible data formats.

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant is adding new claims 34-36. As a result claims, 1-19 and 22-36 are pending with claims 1, 8, 23, 28, 31, and 33 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

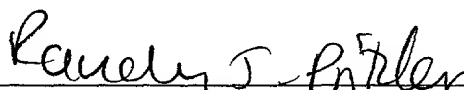
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825

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